

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 54

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to the Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 37, Anderson. Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 8 in the County of San Diego as the Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, United States Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. was born and raised in El Centro, California, and was often referred to as the “Mayor of El Centro” because of his popularity and friendly, witty demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Agent Rosas graduated from Central Union High School in 1997 where he met his future wife, Rosalie; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a United States Border Patrol Agent, Agent Rosas worked as a correctional officer for six years at Centinela State Prison, in addition to serving two years as a reserve police officer for the El Centro Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Agent Rosas began his career with the United States Border Patrol on May 22, 2006, as a member of the 621st Session of the Border Patrol Academy. Around his fellow agents at the Campo Station, Agent Rosas was known for his enthusiasm and sound work ethic in carrying out his sworn duties. His leadership skills were also evident through his efforts in organizing and managing the station’s softball team; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was working near the United States-Mexico international border near Campo, California, and was responding to suspected illegal cross-border activity when fellow agents heard multiple gun shots. After a brief search, Agent Rosas was found lying on the ground, mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, Agent Rosas was 30 years old at the time of his death and left behind his wife, their two young children, Robert Mathew and Kayla Alyssa, his brother, two sisters, and his stepfather; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That Legislature hereby designates a portion of State Highway Route 8, between post mile R51.000 and post mile R55.800, in the County

of San Diego as the Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.